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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 7, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003 for two months from February 5, 2003 to April 7, 2003 (April 5, 2003 was a Saturday).

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$\frac{\\$410.00}{\}\$ to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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